IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: FRECHETTE, Paul A. et al GAU: 2142

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For: NETWORK INTERFACE LINE CARDS AND SYSTEM THEREOF PROVIDING

PROGRAMMABLE FAILOVER DELAY (As Amended Herein)

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE AMENDMENT A

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office's Non-Final Office Action dated <u>01/20/2006</u>, the Applicant has timely enclosed herein: <u>17</u> pages Office Action Response, <u>5</u> pages Replacement drawing sheets. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page <u>8</u> of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page <u>11</u> of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page <u>17</u> of this paper.

[X] DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500323 AUTHORIZATION - All necessary fees relating to the attached submittal, if any, are intended to be included. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees relating to the submittal to deposit account 500323, registered to Vernon C. Maine P.L.L.C., dba Maine & Asmus, contact telephone no. 603-886-6100.